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To the Honorable Speaker and Members,  
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 16, House Bill No. 1200 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to correcting retirement system statutes;"

This bill makes technical corrections to the pension statutes.

Section 16 of the bill references a section of law that is repealed by Substitute House Bill No. 1204, which I also signed today. Therefore, I am vetoing section 16 of House Bill No. 1200 to avoid confusion.

For this reason, I have vetoed section 16 of House Bill No. 1200.

With the exception of section 16, House Bill No. 1200 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Locke  
Governor